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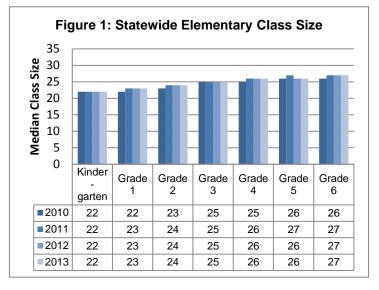
Class Size and Pupil-Teacher Ratio Report, SY2013

Class Size

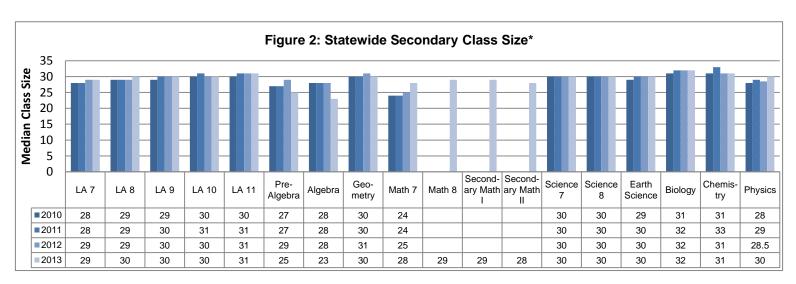
Class sizes are calculated by taking the median class size by grade for kindergarten to sixth grade and by subject for grades seven through twelve at the school, district, and state levels. Certain nontraditional classes, such as online classes, special education classes, youth in custody classes, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, are not included (Utah Code 53A-3-602.5). Class size calculations by district are included in the Super Intendant's Annual Report. A class size report by school can also be found online at http://www.schools.utah.gov/data/Educational-Data/Class-Size-Staff-Ratios.aspx.

Due to legislative and state audits, the class size calculation was updated in 2010. One of the changes was the inclusion of additional course data to help identify a single class. This prevents longitudinal analysis prior to the 2010 school year. In addition, during the 2012 school year the state of Utah started transitioning students over from traditional math classes to the new, integrated math classes. This transition will continue through the 2014 school year.

The included figures show class sizes from 2010 to 2013 by grade and course for the state of Utah. State-level class sizes gradually rise from kindergarten to sixth grade and range from 22 to 27 students per course (see Figure 1). The state class size for elementary classes overall is 25 students per class, which is up from 24 students per class in 2010. In



secondary courses for language arts, science, and math courses the average class size ranges from 25 to 32 students per course (see Figure 2). The state class size for secondary classes overall is 30 students per class, which is up from 29 in 2011.



^{*}The 2013 school year is the first year Math 8, Secondary Math I and Secondary Math II class sizes were calculated for reporting purposes.

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Pupil-Teacher Ratio

The Utah State Office of Education (USOE) calculates pupil-teacher ratios for each school by dividing the total number of students enrolled in the school on October 1st by the total number of teacher full-time equivalents (FTEs) assigned to the school. A "teacher" is any person assigned at the school as a regular classroom teacher (excluding preschool teachers), a special education teacher, or a school-based specialist. Pupil-teacher ratios for the district and state levels are calculated by taking the median ratio of every school in the district and the median ratio of every school in the Superintendent's Annual Report.

The median pupil-teacher ratio for the state of Utah for the school year 2012-13 was 22.16 to 1.